

DOWNTOWN MARIETTA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
August 13, 2009

Present: Tom Browning, Carey Cox, Roger DeBoy, Bill Dunaway, Johnny Fulmer, Al Johnson, Sam Olens, Dave Reardon

Legal Counsel: Tom Cauthorn

Recording Secretary: Doris Reidy

Agenda Item I – Call to order

With a quorum present, Chairman Browning called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room of Marietta City Hall.

Agenda Item II – Approval of minutes of last meeting held July 9, 2009

Motion: Mr. Cox moved that the July 9, 2009 minutes be approved. Mr. Reardon seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item III – Marietta Museum of History letter of intent

Mr. Browning said he would act as spokesperson for the DMDA in talks with Mr. Brown and Mr. Lembeck of the Marietta Museum of History Board. The purpose of the talks will be to explore options for Kennesaw House ownership and/or leasing.

-Mr. Olens suggested that an assessment be made as to the likely repairs that will be needed in the next five years, summarized in a one-page memo from Mr. Browning.

-Mr. DeBoy offered to have someone from his firm do the assessment.

-Jan Galt, Museum director, will provide the dates on which the second and third floor air conditioning units were replaced and the costs.

-Mr. Browning will call Wes Godwin, former first-floor tenant, to obtain cost information for repairs and replacements pertaining to that floor.

-Mr. Browning will also ask Moore & Cubbedge for a breakdown from their audits on expenses for Kennesaw House.

Discussion was held regarding the possibility of funding for the Museum to obtain a triple-net lease of Kennesaw House. Mr. Dunaway suggested that the DMDA increase its millage rate next year.

Agenda Item IV – Reconfiguration and leasing of parking spaces

Mr. Dunaway proposed that the city and the DMDA swap parking spaces in the city lot. There are reserved spaces for the staff of the Museums and Welcome Center on the Powder Springs side of the lot. There are 16 spaces in the DMDA lot directly behind the Krystal, formerly used by E.G. Edwards when they were the first-floor Kennesaw House sub-lease tenants. He proposed that the reserved parking be moved to the DMDA lot and the Powder Springs reserved spaces be freed for general use. An agreement could then be negotiated in which the DMDA would share in parking fines collected by the city for illegal use of reserved spaces.

Motion: Mr. Browning moved that Mr. Dunaway take this proposal to the City Council. Mr. Fulmer seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Agenda Item VI – Other business

Mr. Reardon reported that he will talk to the Merchants' Association about bringing back the Halloween celebration on the Square.

Agenda Item VII – Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Authority, Chairman Browning adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

William B. Dunaway, Secretary-Treasurer